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When the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the RV Friendly program for inclusion in the 2008 revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Section 2G.03), I was encouraged. As an RV traveler, it's a comfort to know, in advance, which businesses are safe for me to enter, park and exit.

But I'm concerned about the approval contained in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FHWA-2007-28977-0001). It makes the RV Friendly symbol smaller (10 inches), requires the entire logo be contained inside the business logo, and allows the use of a horizontal logo that reads "RV ACCESS."

In practice, these changes will make it more difficult and more costly for businesses to incorporate the RV Friendly symbol into their signage. Therefore, states will be less likely to implement this needed motorist service.

I urge you to adopt the RV Friendly logo in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices under the same requirements and language specified in the September 2005 "Interim Approval for Addition of RV Friendly Symbol to Specific Signs."

Under the current interim program, an RV Friendly logo is a bright yellow circle, 12 inches in diameter. The letters "RV," 8 inches high and printed in black type, appear in the center. It is highly visible, consistent, inexpensive to produce and easy to install.

Fifteen states have initiated programs to implement RV Friendly signage, which is the first motorist service signage specifically created to assist RV drivers.

I join all segments of the RV industry in supporting adoption of the RV Friendly symbol under the same requirements and language drafted in the September 2005 Interim Approval.

Sincerely,

John Trent

